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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed July 30, 2001 of S. Krishnaswamy, *et al.*, for ANALYTE TEST INSTRUMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, enclosed herewith are:

- 1. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request (in duplicate)
- 2. Preliminary Amendment 12 pages
- 3. Request for Three Month Extension of Time 1 page
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